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TAGS: CASC (OLIVER, BRUCE HOWARD AND OLIVER, WILLIAM SHELDON)
SUBJECT: W/W: BRUCE AND WILLIAM OLIVER

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST EXPERIENCED ANOTHER EPISODE RELATING TO PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS IN GUYANA. [redacted] AC- E B6
COMPANIED BY THEIR U.S. ATTORNEY [redacted] TRAVELLED TO E B6
GUYANA FROM [redacted] ON DECEMBER 22 TO SEE [redacted] E B6 E B6
[redacted] BRUCE AND WILLIAM OLIVER WHO ARE RESIDING AT THE PEOPLE'S
TEMPLE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY. [redacted] E B6
CONTACTED GOG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) DIRECT FOR
ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN [redacted] E B6
[redacted]

2. EFFORTS BY GOG TO ARRANGE MEETING WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. CHARGE
AND CONSUL MET WITH [redacted] ON DECEMBER 23 TO DISCUSS E B6
MATTER AND TO OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE COULD. CHARGE ALSO
MET WITH MFA OFFICIALS TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG INTEREST IN ARRANG-
ING MEETING. GOG OFFICIALS MAINTAINED TO CHARGE AND [redacted] E B6
THAT UNDER GUYANESE LAW THEY COULD NOT COMPEL PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
TO FORCE [redacted] (ONE OLIVER BOY IS OVER 21 E B6
AND THE OTHER TURNED 18 ON CHRISTMAS DAY). PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
REPRESENTATIVES ALSO INFORMED GOG THAT IT WOULD NOT PERMIT
[redacted] TO ENTER AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY WHICH IT CAN DO UNDER E B6
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GUYANESE LAW PERTAINING TO TRESPASSING.

3. WITH SITUATION AT AN IMPASSE [redacted] AND THEIR ATTORNEY E B6
PURPORTEDLY DEPARTED GEORGETOWN DECEMBER 28, 1977. PRIOR TO E B6
LEAVING CONSUL PROMISED [redacted] THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE A
PERSONAL, PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE BOYS WHEN HE TRAVELS TO
JONESTOWN ON JANUARY 10 AS NOW SCHEDULED.

4. PEOPLE'S TEMPLE REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED CONSUL ON DECEMBER
27 THAT THE REASON THE OLIVER BOYS DID NOT WISH TO SEE [redacted] E B6
[redacted] AT THIS TIME WAS BECAUSE [redacted] WERE BEING MANINULAT- E B6 E B6
ED BY A GROUP (UNIDENTIFIED) THAT SPREAD LIES ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S
TEMPLE AND IS OUT TO DESTROY THEIR CHURCH. CONSUL REPLIED THAT
THE BEST WAY TO DISPEL MYTHS AND FALSEHOODS WAS TO MEET THEM HEAD
ON AND PROVE SUCH ALLEGATION TO BE WRONG. HE STATED THAT BY AVOID-
ING DIRECT CONTACT WITH [redacted] THE OLIVER BOYS LENT E B6
CREDENCE TO ONE ACCUSATION THAT IS BEING LEVELED AGAINST THE
HIERARCHY OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
OF PSYCHOLOGICALLY PRESSURING MEMBERS TO TURN AGAINST THEIR

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RELATIVES.
5. DURING MEETING WITH CHARGE AND CONSUL, [redacted] SHOWED LETTERS E B6
THAT INDICATED THAT AS LATE AS AUGUST, 1977 BOYS WANTED [redacted] E B6
[redacted] TO VISIT THEM AT JONESTOWN. [redacted] STATED [redacted] E B6 E B6
[redacted] HAD LEFT ON A TWO WEEK HOLIDAY TO THE AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNITY AND NEVER RETURNED FOME. ALL IN ALL IT WAS A
PAINFUL CHRISTMAS FOR THEM.
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